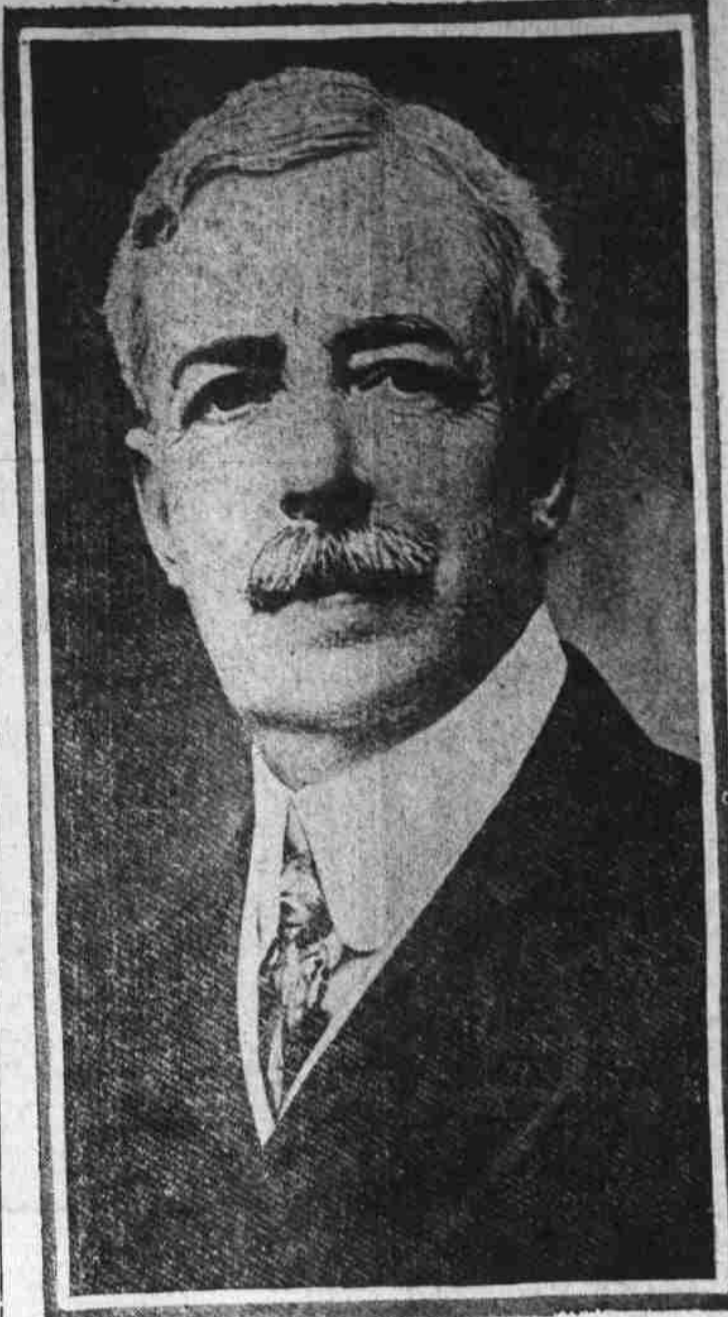


## New Secretary of State



ROBERT LANSING

### PRESIDENT WILSON APPOINTS ROBERT LANSING SECRETARY OF STATE TO SUCCEED BRYAN

Washington, June 23.—The appointment of Robert Lansing as Secretary of State was announced at the White House early tonight. The statement issued said:

"Before leaving this evening for a brief rest in New Hampshire, the President announced that he had offered the post of Secretary of State to Robert Lansing, the present counselor of the Department of State and that Mr. Lansing had accepted the appointment. Lansing has been acting Secretary of State since W. J. Bryan resigned. He is a son-in-law of former Secretary of State John W. Foster. He became counselor of the department on the retirement of John Bassett Moore and has been openly regarded as the President's mainstay on questions of international law in all the difficult diplomatic negotiations which have been thrust on the United States by the European war.

"His home is in Watertown, New York. He is 50 years old. He was counsel for the United States in 1892 in the Bering Sea arbitration. Later he was collector for the Alaskan Boundary Tribunal. In 1909 he became counsel in the North Atlantic coast fisheries at the Hague. He is recognized as an authority on international law, being associate editor of the *American Journal of International Law*.

### WILSON THE IDOL OF THE PEOPLE OF WEST VIRGINIA PRAISES MR. OVERMAN

Senator Overman, Just Back From Trip, Is Happy Over Pres.'s Popularity

WILSON WOULD WIN IN AN ELECTION NOW

SENATOR OVERMAN SAYS IF ELECTIONS WERE HELD NEXT MONTH WILSON WOULD BE ALL WILSON AND THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY-OVERMAN IS IN WASHINGTON ON BUSINESS

(By George H. Manning)

Washington, June 23.—Senator Overman was greatly impressed on his return to California and return on a short trip to Hawaii with the increasing popularity of President Wilson, and declared here today that if the Presidential election was to be held next month Wilson would win an overwhelming majority.

"President Wilson's strength has increased wonderfully since the sinking of the *Lusitania*," said Overman. "On my way to Hawaii, when we reached San Francisco I was chosen by the congressional party to make an address before the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. Reference to President Wilson in my speech brought forth the most emphatic applause.

"When we returned to San Francisco, after the *Lusitania* had been sunk, I made another speech there and when I mentioned the President's name the audience almost raised the roof. If the Presidential election were held next month it would be all Wilson and the Democratic party."

Senator Overman came up from Salisbury today to attend to a number of departmental matters. He conferred for several hours with Attorney General Gregory, for whom he investigated a number of matters in connection with the Hawaiian judicial system, on his return. He will be here several days.

Charles England, secretary for Congressman Stedman and Kitchin, is now attending to a number of departmental matters for them. He started for San Francisco today to see the committee upon Congressman Stedman's re-nomination. George Grimley Taylor of Greensboro will be appointed here as biological assistant in the laboratory at Danford.

Mrs. Kate E. Dunlap today was promoted postmaster at Gideon, Stokes county.

### DUNFORD'S SHERIFF WEDS OAK RIDGE GIRL IN BALTIMORE

Greensboro, June 23.—A great surprise was sprung upon the many friends of Sheriff D. B. Stafford of this county, today when a telegram announcing his marriage to Miss Bessie Benbow was received from Baltimore.

Sheriff Stafford left Greensboro last night at 11:30 o'clock for the Maryland city without letting anyone know of his intention of marrying. Miss Benbow is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Benbow of Oak Ridge, a talented and charming young woman. She taught school during the winter at Providence, R. I. and it was on her way home that Sheriff Stafford met her and the ceremony was performed. The bride and groom will return to Greensboro tonight.

### OFFICERS CAN'T LOCATE NEGRO WHO BROKE JAIL

Greensboro, June 23.—All efforts of the city and county officials to locate Leroy Clendenen, the negro who Monday evening escaped from the Guilford county jail and who is charged with the robbery of several stores here, have proven vain. A thorough search has been made in and about the city, the trains watched and officers in other towns and cities notified but so far no sign of the man has been found.

### STATE BOARD RE-APPOINTS J. O. CARR IN NEW HANOVER

Raleigh, June 23.—Dr. J. Y. Joyner, State superintendent of public instruction, as secretary of the State board of education, dictated this morning the appointment to Mr. J. O. Carr, of Wilmington that the State Board has re-appointed him on the New Hanover county school board as the outcome of the bitter fight that has been going on since the recent session of the Legislature and brought about the strenuous and in some respects sensational hearing before the board yesterday.

### RESERVATION COMMISSION APPROVES PURCHASE OF LAND

Washington, June 23.—The purchase by the Federal government of non-agricultural land in the Southern Appalachians was approved today by the National Forest Reservation Commission. The largest tract is near Boone in North Carolina, a block of more than 35,000 acres. Another tract of 1,000 acres is in Georgia, and two other tracts of more than 2,000 acres are in North Carolina.

### DRASTIC ACTION TAKEN BY BRITISH TO GET MUNITIONS

Laborers Will Be Enrolled to Work For King and Country

LABOR LEADERS GIVEN SEVEN DAYS

THIS TIME LIMIT IS SET FOR THEM TO MAKE GOOD THEIR PROMISES TO SUPPLY LABOR FOR THE MUNITION FACTORIES — BRITISH COAL KING TO AMERICA

London, June 23.—David Lloyd George, minister of munitions, has given British labor seven days in which to make good its leaders' promises that the men will rally to the factories in sufficient numbers to produce a maximum supply of munitions of war.

This was the most striking statement in the minister's speech in the House of Commons today. There is no age limit to the men enrolled. They will not wear uniforms, but will have to give their full time to the work. They will receive a certificate that they are working for their king and country.

The munitions bill makes strikes and lock-outs illegal. It provides for compulsory arbitration, limits employers' profits, and creates a volunteer army of workmen pledged to go wherever they are wanted.

Great Britain, it is said, will be restricted to ten munition areas. New factories have been equipped and soon will be turning out prodigious quantities of war material. He said that Germany for years has been piling up enormous war stores. He explained the great importance of the American and Canadian markets and stated D. A. Thomas, the British "coal king", had been sent to the United States and Canada to represent the munitions department.

Mr. Lloyd George admitted that the shortage of munitions was serious in view of the standard set up by this war.

"The duration of the war, the toll of life, and the amount of exhaustion created by the war, ultimately victory or defeat, depends upon the supply of munitions," the minister declared. "That is cardinal. Where the Allies are making progress on any part of the line it is due to their superiority in munitions. The Allies have superiority in men, both in numbers and quality.

"I have been told that the central

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### BRITISH CRUISER TORPEDOED IN NORTH SEA LAST SUNDAY

London, June 23.—The Admiralty statement tonight said:

"The British cruiser *Roxburgh* was struck by a torpedo in the North Sea Sunday. The damage was not serious. The cruiser was able to proceed under her own steam. There were no casualties.

Hartford, Conn., June 23.—James J. Goodman, a cousin, and for years a business partner of the late J. Pierpont Morgan, died here early today. He was nearly 80 years old and retired from business years ago.

During his connection with the Morgan interests Mr. Goodman made a fortune.

### CARRANZA INSISTS HE WON'T TREAT WITH GENERAL VILLA UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES

Washington, June 23.—General Venustiano Carranza has informed the United States that he won't treat with Villa under any circumstances and will continue his military campaign to crush his adversaries.

President Wilson today had a report on Carranza's views, as given in an informal conversation with the American consul officer at Vera Cruz. He found in it little hope for the accommodation of the differences between the Mexican factions.

Carranza reiterated that his opponents were "reactionaries" who were desirous only of satisfying their personal ambitions. He said Villa and his associates either must leave the country or be tried by the military court.

There is possibility, it is recognized in official quarters here, that Carranza does not understand the earnestness of the United States in demanding an early settlement of the Mexican trouble. Two of Carranza's representatives here will leave soon for Vera Cruz to confer with Carranza.

Won't Land Marines

In view of the latest advice from Admiral Howard, officials were confident today that it would not now be necessary to land marines and bluejackets to deal with the Indians in the Yaqui Valley, Mexico.

From Vera Cruz Consul Canada reported a train on the narrow gauge line south had been fired on Monday, and nineteen persons were reported killed. He also reported that the railway from Vera Cruz to Mexico City had been cut, preventing the leaving of two troop trains.

A consular message from Tampico said George Ogden, presumably an American, had been forced to abandon his ranch at Guerrero. More destitute refugees are gathering at Tampico awaiting transportation.

All Red Cross funds available for famine relief in Mexico have been exhausted and today the society issued an urgent appeal for food stuffs and money. Twenty thousand people are reported practically starving in Guerrero.

### ONE KILLED; SEVERAL HURT IN CYCLONE

Fort Smith, Ark., June 23.—Mrs. Lige Gibson was killed and four persons injured in a cyclone which struck Gans, Okla., last night. Communications with the storm swept areas, embracing eastern Oklahoma and west Arkansas, is fragmentary but it is not expected that the death list will grow. Fruit is reported heavily damaged in western Arkansas.

### GERMANS DECLARE RUSSIAN ARMY HAS RECEIVED BLOW FROM WHICH IT CAN'T RECOVER, IN THE CAPTURE OF LEMBERG

MANY WITNESSES SAY THEY BELIEVE THAW IS NOW SANE

Thaw, Himself, Is Among Those Testifying on First Day of Trial

THAW DESCRIBES THRILLING ESCAPE

New York, June 23.—Thirteen witnesses, including Thaw himself, testified today that they believed Harry K. Thaw sane. They appeared in the proceedings before the jury to test Thaw's present mental state, on the outcome of which depends whether Stanford White's slayer shall go free or return to the insane asylum from which he escaped.

The witnesses included four of the jurors at Thaw's former trial, two chaplains, a physician, the keeper of the tomba prison, where Thaw was confined at various times, two newspaper men who have been associated with him during the nine years history of the Thaw litigation, the lawyer who met Thaw in New Hampshire and a juror in the civil proceeding instituted by one of Thaw's former attorneys against Thaw's mother.

All agreed that Thaw showed no symptoms of delusion, could talk intelligently on many subjects and never had been violent to their knowledge. Thaw described his escape and said he left because the physicians told him he was sane and because he himself believed he was sane.

### First Picture of Man Who Started World War



While emperors, kings, emars and presidents have been publishing various colored books telling who started the war now raging in Europe, this little man, about whom little has been written and little known, has managed to keep out of the limelight, yet he really precipitated the great struggle. Gergo Tankositch is his name, and he is the man who hatched the plot resulting in the assassination of the Crown Prince of Austria and his wife, which directly led to the war.

Austria named Tankositch in her ultimatum to Serbia and peremptorily demanded his extradition to face a trial on the charge of murder—it was this ultimatum that Serbia accepted in all its clauses, except the trial of Serbian officers, among whom, Tankositch was the most prominent, in Austria, a point of national sovereignty that Serbia asked to have settled at the Hague. Austria refused and later declared war. Tankositch is now a Major and is in command of a militia battalion in the Serbian army.

It Is Expected That German Troops Will Now Be Rushed to West

MUST RESCUE ARMY FIGHTING FRENCH

Germans Are Hard Pressed on Western Front — Russians Retreat in Good Order

London, June 23.—The Russians have lost Lemberg. They occupied the Galicia capital city in September and held it until yesterday, when the combined Austro-German forces compelled them to retreat from the city, which is only 60 odd miles from the nearest point on the Russian frontier.

Whether the city's fall means that the Russian army operating in south-east Galicia is effectively cut off from the army to the north stretching across Poland to the Baltic cannot yet be said. Vienna and Berlin newspapers say this is the case and that the Russian army have received a blow from which they cannot recover.

If the stroke is as crushing as the Teutons predict, the effect, military observers here say, soon should be felt in the transfer of the vast German forces to the west, where they are hard pressed by the French.

Correspondents of the Austrian newspapers with the victorious army say the Russians retreated in good order. Berlin and Vienna are reported to be joyful over the victory. A Vienna telegram says that Emperor William and Francis Joseph propose to meet soon in Lemberg for "fitting ceremonies to mark the end of Russia's dominion in Galicia."

On the river Danube, south of Lemberg, the battle still rages.

The Italian general staff announces the arrival of important reinforcements for the Austrians along the Isonzo from north of the Gulf of Trieste, but declares they were repulsed by Alpine troops in a battle in the Montenegro district. A Geneva dispatch says the Italians have captured all the positions defending Malborghetto and are bombarding the fortress itself.

Five Swedish steamers bound for England, with lumber were captured in the Baltic yesterday by German warships. The Austro-German armies pushed eastward through Galicia, recaptured Przemyśl June 3, and then, without pause, struck at Lemberg from the east and west. At no point were the Russians able to withstand the terrific bombardment against their positions, and even the line of defenses near Grodek, 18 miles west of Lemberg which is of the greatest natural strength, proved untenable.

With Lemberg now in her hands Austria has reclaimed virtually the whole province of Galicia. The fighting in the campaign has been of unusual intensity, with heavy loss. The figures of killed, wounded and captured, as given in Austrian, German and Russian official statements, run into the hundreds of thousands.

Russia had made plans for permi-

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### EARTHQUAKES DO IMMENSE DAMAGE IN CALIFORNIA

Imperial Valley Is the Scene of Several Disastrous Shocks

MARTIAL LAW IS DECLARED IN TOWNS

El Centro, Cal., June 23.—Earthquakes as sharp as those of last night, which caused the death of a number of persons and a million-dollars property damage, were felt in Imperial valley today. There is anxiety lest the heat gates of the great irrigation system will give way, flooding the valley.

Late reports indicate that Imperial valley was rocked from end to end by last night's series of earthquake shocks. More than a score of persons are reported dead.

Buildings in every city in the valley have been damaged. Calexico suffered severely from fire.

Damage in the earthquake district is estimated at more than \$1,000,000.

Los Angeles, Cal., June 23.—Reports of three severe earthquakes which resulted in the death and injury of at least 15 persons and considerable property loss by fire last night in several cities of the Imperial valley, covering several hundred square miles were received here today. Telephone and telegraphic communication from the stricken district is meagre. The greatest damage was at Calexico on the Mexican border line where the loss of life occurred.

Early reports from there stated that the town had been destroyed by fire but telephone employees at El Centro who talked over a wire reported that fires were confined to three buildings. Many buildings in Calexico were shaken down. The operators in the telephone building fled after the first shock which occurred at 7:20 p. m. and was followed by two others at 8:40 p. m. and 9:30 p. m.

Two shocks were reported from Yuma, Arizona, at the same time and San Diego and San Bernardino also were visited by two slight shocks.

Reber, a railroad town five miles west of El Centro, was reported destroyed by fire. At Imperial several buildings were cracked and the wall of one fell in but no injuries resulted. The telephone operators there also fled from their buildings.

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### BRING IN GOODS FROM GERMANY

Pres. Wilson Interested in Efforts of New York Importers

Washington, June 23.—President Wilson has taken an interest in efforts of New York importers to bring in goods from Germany which have been held up by British orders is council, and has directed Secretary Lansing to confer with a delegation of importers. The President would receive the delegation himself, it was said at the White House today, but for the fact that he leaves for the summer white house at Cornish tonight.

White House officials are uninformal, first hand, of the plans of the importers, but from other sources they understand the plan is to charter steamships to bring in goods bought or contracted for in Germany before March 1. Much of the merchandise now is at Rotterdam, it is said, and other consignments are en route from Germany to the Dutch port.

Before June 15 such goods were being brought to the United States by special permits issued by the British government, but since then no permits have been issued. It is estimated that probably fifty million dollars worth of merchandise is involved.

The United States never has admitted the validity of the so-called blockade of Germany nor recognized the British orders in council, and inasmuch as these subject are to be treated further in a new note to Great Britain upon which the State Department now is working, it was said today the government was glad to get any facts in possession of the importers and was lending a sympathetic ear to their case.

### TROOPS ARE STILL GUARDING SLATON

Extra Precautions Are Taken to Protect Frank in State Prison

Atlanta, June 23.—Governor Slaton announced tonight that the military guard at his suburban home would be maintained several days to protect his property. All is quiet tonight. The governor said that many members of the State Legislature today expressed approval of his action in the Frank case.

Efforts To Protect Frank

Milledgeville, June 23.—Extra precautions to protect Leo M. Frank were taken at the prison farm today. The guards were increased and more ammunition was received, as the result of rumors of a possible attack on the prison.

Columbus, Ga., June 23.—An effigy bearing a placard "Governor Slaton, the Traitor," was hanged and riddled with bullets on the bridge across the Chattahoochee river here last night.

There was a demonstration which lasted several hours, in which hundreds of people from Georgia and Alabama took part, Columbus being on the line between the two States.

The crowd was orderly and no one was hurt.

Many women and children were in the crowd that took part in the demonstration against the Georgia Governor.

### OPENING SESSION OF DENTAL SOCIETY

Annual Essay Is Read By Dr. J. A. McClung of Winston-Salem

(By W. E. Lawson)

Seashore Hotel, Wrightsville Beach, June 23.—For the second time within the past six years the dentists of North Carolina are holding their annual meeting at this resort. The 41st annual convention opened in the assembly hall of the Seashore Hotel tonight at 8:30 o'clock. There is a large attendance, upward of 200 dentists and members of their families being present. Dentists began arriving several days ago and some will stay here for several days after the meeting adjourns, enjoying the pleasures of the beach.

Dr. J. A. Sinclair of Asheville, president of the society, called the meeting to order, after which he presented Rev. Dr. B. W. Spilman of Winston, who offered the invocation. President Sinclair then introduced Iredell Meares, Esq., member of the Wilmington bar and candidate for Governor on the Progressive ticket in the last election, who delivered the address of welcome. Mr. Meares is a most eloquent and earnest speaker and he gave to the victors a big, hearty and sincere welcome. The response was made by Dr. S. R. Horton of Raleigh. Following the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, President Sinclair delivered his annual address, followed by the annual essay by Dr. J. A. McClung of Winston-Salem.

The Society will continue in session through Friday. Clinics instead of papers feature the program this year. A number of prominent dentists of the country are here to conduct clinics.

### GETS LETTER FROM LIEUTENANT BECKER

Former Comptroller of N. Y. With N. C. Manufacturers

Charlotte, June 23.—"I am a bit guilty of the crime charged against me, and I believe that in this last hour moral sentiment will best serve me in getting what I believe to be justice."

The above is the substance of a letter written by Police Lieutenant Charles Becker, now awaiting death in Sing Sing for his alleged part in the death of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler of New York. The letter is in possession of Herman A. Meek, former comptroller of New York, in Charlotte today to fill an engagement before the North Carolina Cotton Manufacturers Association.

In answer to the question: "Is Becker sending out many letters like this?" Mr. Metz said: "There are a good many people who believe that Becker has not received everything that he is entitled to in his case." Mr. Metz strode up stairs, where on the floor he spoke for an hour on the European situation calling for an industrial struggle, and declaring that nothing can be done now to relieve the textile situation and dye stuffs famine, though Mr. Metz broadly urged his Uncle Sam should further urge his rights on the seas in having the English order in council modified to give America a better opportunity to import needed products.

The annual election of officers takes place this afternoon. Alf. A. Thompson of Raleigh made a decided hit with the cotton manufacturers and with Mechanicsville mill men by acknowledging the supremacy of this section in cotton manufacturing.